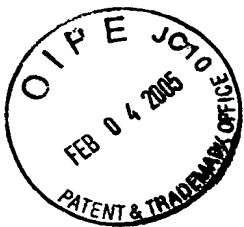


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the election/restriction requirement mailed January 4, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.